REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 9-11 has been added. Applicant respectfully requests the reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lineman et al. (US Pub. No. 20030065942) (hereinafter "Lineman"). Applicant respectfully disagrees and overcomes the rejection as follows.

Claim 1 sets forth, *inter alia*, "a policy module ... for the conversion of said piece of security information into an information security object." Applicant could find no teaching or suggestion in Lineman that anticipates a module used to convert security information into an information security object.

In the present invention, information security policies, information security procedures, information security instructions, or information security rules are modularised and saved in a database as information security objects (ISOs). The ISOs contain, for example, specific or general information including, for example: Object category; Object descriptor; Object content; Content category; and Target group. The ISOs provide a reusable resource so that organizations can choose and select content without "re-writing" default ISOs to go into their security policies.

In contrast, Lineman discloses that the "disclosed software enables a security administrator to create and edit a security policy document...." (Lineman, [0032]). Respectfully, Applicant submits that the Examiner has misinterpreted the security policy document disclosed in Lineman as the equivalent of the "information security object" as set forth in Claim 1.

The Examiner seems to suggests that paragraph [0033] of Lineman anticipates "the conversion of said piece of security information into an information security object." Applicant respectfully disagrees, since Lineman is merely suggesting representing the security policy document in a structured data representation having two forms -- a human-readable and machine-readable form.

Applicant submits that providing the security policy document in a two form representation as disclosed in Lineman is not a conversion of security information into an information security object as set forth in Claim 1, but is merely a means for representing the same document in two different forms.

In addition, since Lineman does not disclose ISOs, Lineman also fails to teach or suggest "a survey module … for generating from said information security object an element of a questionnary to be output by means of said output device."

Accordingly, since Lineman does not teach or suggest the features of Claim 1, Claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 7 sets forth, *inter alia*, receiving a piece of security information and "modularising said piece of security information to create an information security object." For reasons similar to those stated above with regard to Claim 1, Applicant could find no teaching or suggestion in Lineman that discloses modularising a piece of security information to create an information security object. In addition, Lineman fails to teach or suggest "generating in a survey module an element of a questionnary from said information security object."

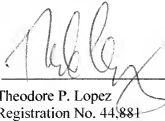Accordingly, Claim 7 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claims 2-6 depend from Claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 as well as for the novel features which they add. Claim 8 depends from Claim 7 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 7 as well as for the novel features which it adds.

New Claims 9-11 have been added to further clarify the scope and extent of the present invention. Support for Claims 9-11 may be found throughout the specification and figures and no new matter has been added thereby. Claims 9-11 are not anticipated by Lineman and are therefore allowable over the cited reference.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, pending Claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at 949-955-1920 is welcomed and encouraged.

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